PTO/SB/08A (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of Information unless it contains a valid OMB control number,

	e for form 1449A/PTO			Complete if Known		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many shoets as necessary)				Application Number Filing Date	R53(b) DIV. of S.N. 09/829,969 March 31, 2004	
				First Named Inventor	K. OHNISHI	
				Art Unit	2818	
				Examiner Name	M. TRAN	
Sheet	1	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	500.40010VX1	

			U.S. PATENT	DOCUMENTS	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Examiner Initials'	Cite No.1	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
UX		US-6.291.868	09/2001	Weimer et al		
		US-6.265.297	07/2001	Powell		
		US-6,306,743	10/23/2001	Lee		
V		US-2002/0008294	01/24/2002	Hayashi et al		
		us-				
_		US-				
		US-				
		us-				
		US-		<u> </u>		
		us-				
		us-				
		us-				
		US-				
		us-				
		us-				
		us-			·	

		FOREIG	N PATENT DO	UMENTS	·	
Examiner Initials'	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	ТФ
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁶ (if known)		Applicant of Cited Document		
Examiner Signature		Machion		Date Considered	07/00/01/	'

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gox or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard St.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁴Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO					Complete if Known		
				Application Number	R53(b) DIV. of S.N. 09/829,969		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				Filing Date	March 31, 2004		
				First Named Inventor	OHNISHI, K.		
				Group Art Unit	2818		
(use as many sheets as necessary)			w)	Examiner Name	M. TRAN		
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	500.40010VX1		

		OTHER PRIOR ART—NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), cut and/or country where out his bod	T²
uft		OHNISHI, K., et al., "Improving Gate Oxide Integrity of a W/WNx/dual-poly Si Stacked-Gate by Using Wet- Hydrogen Oxidation in 0.14-µm CMOS Devices," IEDM Technical Digest, Pgs. 397-400, IEDM 98, USA.	
	-		
			_
	-		
			_
			_
Examiner Signature	T	Mallinowned Date Considered 67/69/7	1.

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.